



Ordinance Fact Sheet

November 3, 2025

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CITY ATTORNEY

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING TITLE 14 (BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION) OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADOPTING WITH CERTAIN LOCAL AMENDMENTS THE 2025 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE INCORPORATING THE 2025 CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE; 2025 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE WITH APPENDIX CHAPTERS G, H, I, J, N, P, Q; CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE WITH APPENDIX CHAPTERS BB, BF, BG, CH, CI, CJ; 2025 CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE WITH ANNEXES A, C, I; 2025 CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE WITH APPENDIX CHAPTERS B, C, F, G, H; 2025 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE WITH APPENDIX CHAPTERS A, D, G, H, I, J, M, R; 2025 CALIFORNIA ENERGY CODE; 2025 CALIFORNIA WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE; 2025 CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL BUILDING CODE; 2025 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS TO STATE ADOPTED CHAPTERS INCLUDING CHAPTER 1, 3, SECTION 503 OF CHAPTER 5, SECTIONS 1101 AND 1104 OF CHAPTER 11, APPENDIX CHAPTER 4 AND CERTAIN APPENDICES WITHIN APPENDIX CHAPTERS B THROUGH P; 2025 CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE; 2025 CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDINGS STANDARDS CODE; 2025 CALIFORNIA REFERENCED STANDARDS CODE

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

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MEETING OF 11/03/2025

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

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PURPOSE OF THE ORDINANCE

The purpose of this ordinance is to implement the 2025 California Building Standards Code with local amendments for the City of Pasadena.

Every three years, the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) adopts a new set of technical codes including the Building, Residential, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, Energy, Fire and Green Building Codes. These codes will apply to local jurisdictions 180 days after publication, which is customarily on or about January 1 of the coming year.

Local jurisdictions may adopt local amendments that are justified by local climatic, topographical or geologic conditions. Local jurisdictions may also adopt administrative changes, which include procedures for civil, criminal, and administrative enforcement. This ordinance adopts the technical codes with local amendments.

REASONS WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED

This legislation is necessary to implement and continue local amendments to the 2025 California Building Standards Code in the City of Pasadena.

PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED

The Planning and Community Development Department, and specifically the Building Official, will be primarily responsible for implementing this ordinance.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

On November 3, 2025, the City Council found that the proposed ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) the Common Sense Exemption that CEQA only applies to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. The City Council's CEQA finding encompasses this action and no further findings are necessary.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this ordinance amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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